

Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, lines 23 to 29, amend as follows:

According to the present invention there is provided a coupling member including:

a body portion formed with a hook;

a closure shaft slidably mounted in a first axial direction in the body for movement between open and closed positions; and

a locking member carried by the closure shaft and being movable between locked and unlocked positions, the arrangement being such that when the locking member is in its locked position, it prevents movement of the closure shaft from its closed position[[]],

and wherein the locking member includes a locking pin which is slidably mounted in the closure shaft, the pin having a head and wherein the body portion includes a slot or keyway, the arrangement being such that the locking pin needs to be moved to its unlocked position so that the pin can then move in the slot or keyway when the closure shaft moves;

an actuator which is mounted for sliding movement on the body in a second direction parallel to said first axial direction, the actuator having a recess in which the head of the locking pin is slidably mounted in a third direction which is transverse to said second direction; and

a compression spring which biases the locking pin towards its locked position, the arrangement being such that the user, in use, presses the head inwardly relative to the actuator so that the locking pin moves in said third direction to its unlocked position so that the user can then slide the actuator in said second direction which moves the closure shaft in said first direction from its closed position to its open position.

2. Page 2 line 27 to page 3 line 2, amend as follows:

The invention also provides a coupling member including:

a body portion formed with a hook ~~having a terminal portion;~~

a closure shaft slidably mounted in a first axial direction in the body for

movement between open and closed positions;

~~biasing means for biasing the closure shaft towards its closed position characterised in that the terminal portion of the hook includes a recess or bore and wherein a free end of the closure shaft is located in the bore or recess when it is in its closed position.~~

a locking member carried by the closure shaft and being movable between locked and unlocked positions, the arrangement being such that when the locking member is in its locked position, it prevents movement of the closure shaft from its closed position, and wherein the locking member includes a locking pin which is slidably mounted in the closure shaft, the pin having a head and wherein the body portion includes a slot or keyway, the arrangement being such that the locking pin needs to be moved to its unlocked position so that the pin can then move in the slot or keyway when the closure shaft moves;

an actuator which is mounted for sliding movement on the body in a second direction parallel to said first axial direction, the actuator having a recess in which the head of the locking pin is slidably mounted in a third direction which is transverse to said second direction; and

wherein the body portion includes first and second complementary molded body parts, wherein the complementary body parts are formed with first projections which cooperate with second projections formed on the actuator to define a key and keyway for constraining the actuator to sliding movement relative to the body portion in said second direction.